not yet assessed the liabilities of certain other companies of the periods between 1983 to 1987;

(d) if so, what are the names of companies, names of drugs and the periods for which the liabilities are to be assessed; and

(e) what is the reason of delay in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) To the extent information available, there is no liability of M/s. S. G. Pharmaceuticals in respect of bulk drug Xylocaine;

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Assessment of tentative liabilities of the companies due to violation of various provisions of DPCOs and/or because of the Judgements of the Courts has already been completed in a number of cases, while in respect of the remaining cases, all efforts are being made to complete the same as early as possible. In a number of cases, the progress has been hampered on account of non-receipt of data for the entire period. All efforts are being made to effect the recoveries as per law.

Policy on Petrochemicals Industry

2086. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently relaxed the policy with regard to petrochemicals industry by permitting the setting up of petrochemical complexes based on imported naptha; and

(b) if so, whether Government would accord approval to MRPL, Mangalore for setting up a petrochemicals complex adjacent to their refinery ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The techno-economic aspects, demand-supply situation and availability of feedstock are the main considerations for grant of industrial approvals for setting up petrochemical complexes. The policy has not undergone any change in the recent past in so far as the use of imported naphtha is concerned.

(b) Grant of approval for setting up a petrochemicals complex at Mangalore will also be determined on the considerations indicated above.

Shortage of Staff in Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.

2087. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of staff in lower grades of technical discipline in the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd., Sindri Unit;

(b) if so, the strength of technical staff as per permanent set up and shortage thereof grade-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that many apprentices have been trained in different discipline by the Sindri Unit; and

(d) if so, whether they are not being absorbed against the existing vacancies; if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the Apprentices Act, 1961, apprentices have been trained in different discipline by the Sindri Unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI).

(d) FCI, which has been declared a sick company by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), has surplus manpower and is confronted with a difficult financial situation. In view of this, it has not been possible to absorb any trained apprentices in the company.

Unauthorised Occupation of Land Belonging to Sindri Unit of FCI

2088. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many outsiders and ex-employees have unauthorisedly occupied the land belonging to the Sindri Unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited;

(b) if so, what actions have been taken to vacate the FCI's land at its Sindri Unit and the results thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the land is being occupied unauthorisedly in connivance of the Company's officers; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for such malpractices continuing unabated ?